

# MISSISSIPPI Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 7, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included planting corn, rice and sorghum. Cotton producers were preparing land for planting on their best drained soils. However, cool, wet conditions continue to delay planting progress. Pastures are beginning to green up. Soil moisture conditions were rated 3 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	47	36	60	42	0	9	68	22	1
	Emerged	23	14	27	22					
Rice	Planted	1	0	21	10	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum	Planted	6	1	19	13	---	---	---	---	---
Wheat	Jointing	76	74	91	82	0	9	58	32	1
	Heading	2	1	12	13					
Watermelons	Planted	21	13	22	27	19	39	34	8	0
Cattle						5	13	39	33	10
Pasture						9	29	37	21	4

## County Agent Comments

"Cotton producers prepared land on their best drained soils last week. Wheat is beginning to joint. Pastures have shown improvement, also. No corn planting yet."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Rain continues to delay corn planting and land preparation. Corn that has emerged looks fairly good. Ryegrass pastures are in good condition."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"We are basically out of hay. Fieldwork is progressing nicely in many areas. Wheat farmers have expressed concern over this past weekend's weather."

— Charles Fitts, Chickasaw County

"Farmers were busy planting corn and getting cotton ground ready when the rain started. We need warm weather to make everything grow."

— Windell C. Carter, Jefferson County

"Most dairy producers have completed planting corn for silage. Probably 10% of the late February corn plantings must be replanted. Top dressing of ryegrass pastures is complete."

— William Lamar Adams, Walthall County

"Lighter soils were dry enough to work by Thursday. Heavy soils need several more days of sunshine. Pastures are greening up and winter pastures are finally growing well. We have found watermelon plants that appear to have watermelon fruit blotch. The disease appeared on some privately grown plants that were for the grower's personal use."

— Victor Lee, Newton County

"Completion of corn planting is continuing to run behind schedule due to wet fields. Cool temperatures are causing seed germination problems for watermelon and other garden vegetables."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

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Weather Summary From April 1, 1996 to April 7, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	70	35	51	59	-8	0.26	-0.57	3	3.32	62	45	53	0.21
Cleveland	74	32	49			0.22		2	3.19				
Tunica	72	27	47	58	-11	0.06	-1.14	1	0.62	64	51	56	0.18
Extreme/Average	74	27	49	58	-9	0.18	-0.84	2	2.38	64	45	55	0.18
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	76	29	49	56	-7	0.04	-1.13	2	4.45	66	42	52	0.16
Memphis	73	35	52	59	-7	0.11	-1.12	1	3.57				
Oxford	77	26	51	57	-8	0.18	-1.08	1	4.27				
Extreme/Average	77	26	50	57	-7	0.11	-1.10	1	4.10	66	42	52	0.16
3. Northeast													
Booneville	78	31	51	58	-7	0.10	-1.30	1	4.99				
Corinth	78	32	52	58	-6	0.00	-1.46	0	3.16				
Iuka	76	24	48			0.11		2	4.29				
Pontotoc	78	29	52	58	-6	0.07	-1.18	1	3.27	67	46	56	0.21
Tupelo	78	30	53	59	-7	0.00	-1.25	0	3.56				
Verona	78	30	53			0.03		1	2.30	68	45	54	0.18
Extreme/Average	78	24	51	58	-7	0.05	-1.29	1	3.59	68	45	55	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	78	30	52	60	-8	0.16	-0.75	1	2.35	74	50	61	
Greenwood	77	32	55	60	-6	0.05	-1.02	1	2.42				
Rolling Fork	78	31	51			0.31	-0.79	1	3.40	73	45	62	0.15
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	77	31	54	62	-8	0.29	-0.88	2	3.20				
Extreme/Average	78	30	53	61	-8	0.20	-0.86	1	2.84	74	45	62	0.15
5. Central													
Carthage	77	31	55	60	-4	0.39	-0.90	3	5.19				
Jackson	75	33	55	62	-7	0.00	-1.27	0	4.56				
Winona	76	26	50	57	-7	0.11	-0.96	1	2.66				
Extreme/Average	77	26	53	59	-6	0.17	-1.04	1	4.14				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	80	38	57			0.24	-1.20	1	3.50				
Columbus	79	33	44			0.00		0	3.91				
State University	82	30	54	60	-6	0.02	-1.49	1	3.67	67	45	57	
Extreme/Average	82	30	52	60	-8	0.09	-1.39	1	3.69	67	45	57	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs										69	58		
Natchez	80	33	55	64	-9	0.60	-0.69	1	4.07				
Oakley	73	31	51			0.42	-0.72	1	5.05	71	46	57	
Vicksburg	77	33	53			0.27		1	4.85				
Extreme/Average	80	31	53	64	-11	0.43	-0.79	1	4.86	71	46	57	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	76	35	57	64	-7	1.09	-0.52	1	5.41				
McComb	82	34	57	62	-5	0.00	-1.31	0	2.84				
Extreme/Average	82	34	57	63	-6	0.55	-0.91	1	4.03				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.66		1	7.06				
Hattiesburg	76	34	58	63	-4	2.41	+0.99	1	8.42				
Laurel													
Meridian	78	32	55	61	-6	0.07	-1.29	1	3.88				
Newton	77	31	55	61	-6	0.23	-1.15	1	4.36	67	44	56	0.12
Extreme/Average	78	31	56	61	-5	0.84	-0.55	1	5.93	67	44	56	0.12
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	79	37	60			2.13		2	11.47				
Biloxi													
Gulfport	73	39	59	65	-6	1.93	+0.73	2	10.91				
Pascagoula	74	39	58	65	-7	1.40	+0.16	1	8.83				
Poplarville	78	35	58	64	-6	1.62	+0.38	2	6.86	75	53	63	0.19
Extreme/Average	79	35	59	65	-6	1.77	+0.54	2	9.52	75	53	63	0.19
State	82	24	53	61	-7	0.44	-0.82	1	4.49	75	42	57	0.16

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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